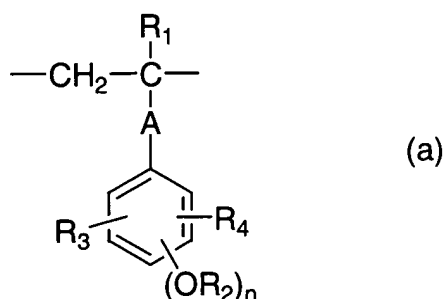


soluble in an alkali aqueous solution and having a repeating unit shown by the following formula (a), (C) a crosslinking agent causing crosslinking with the resin of component (B) by the action of an acid, and (D) a compound having at least one unsaturated bond capable of being polymerized by an acid and/or a radical,



wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, or an alkyl or haloalkyl group which may have a substituent; R<sub>2</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or acyl group which may have a substituent; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl, or aryl group which may have a substituent; A represents a single bond, or a divalent alkylene, alkenylene, cycloalkylene, or arylene group which may have a substituent, or -O-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -O-CO-R<sub>5</sub>-, -CO-O-R<sub>6</sub>-, or -CO-N(R<sub>7</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>-; R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, and R<sub>8</sub>, which may be the same or different, each represents a single bond, or an alkylene, alkenylene, cycloalkylene, or arylene group, which may have a substituent, singly or a divalent group formed by combining the above-described group and at least one kind selected from an ether structure, an ester structure, an amide structure, a urethane

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structure, and a ureido structure;  $R_7$  represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, or aryl group which may have a substituent; and  $n$  represents an integer of from 1 to 3; provided that plural  $R_2$ s, or  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  or  $R_4$  may combine with each other to form a ring.

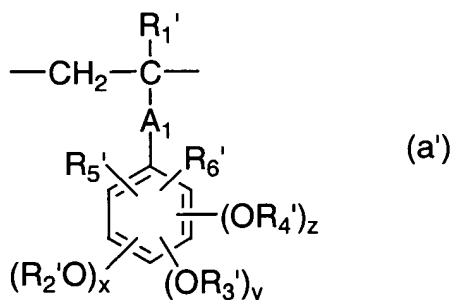
9 (amended). A negative-working resist composition for electron beams or

X-rays comprising

(A) a compound generating an acid and/or radical species by the irradiation of electron beams or X-rays,

(B') a resin having at least one unsaturated bond polymerizable by an acid and/or an alkali, which is insoluble in water but soluble in an alkali aqueous solution, and containing a repeating unit shown by the following formula (a'), and

(C) a crosslinking agent causing crosslinking with the resin (B') by the action of an acid;

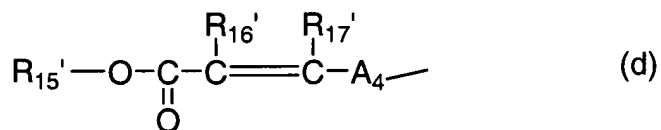
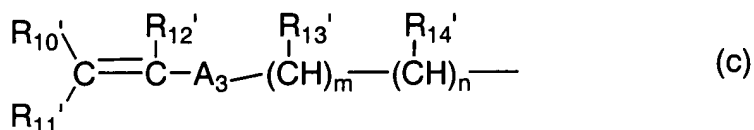
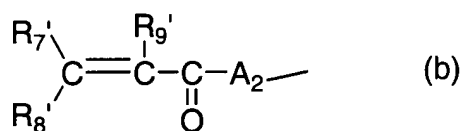


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wherein R<sub>1</sub>' represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, or an alkyl or haloalkyl group which may have a substituent;

R<sub>2</sub>' to R<sub>4</sub>' each represents a hydrogen atom, a group shown by the formula (b), (c), or (d) described below, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or acyl group which may have a substituent; and

R<sub>5</sub>' and R<sub>6</sub>', which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a cyano group, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl, or aryl group which may have a substituent;



wherein R<sub>7</sub>' to R<sub>12</sub>', R<sub>16</sub>', and R<sub>17</sub>' each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, or an alkyl or haloalkyl group which may have a substituent;

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$R_{13}'$  and  $R_{14}'$  each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, or an alkyl, alkoxy, or acyloxy group which may have a substituent;

$R_{15}'$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, or aryl group which may have a substituent;

$A_1$  represents a single bond, or a divalent alkylene, alkenylene, cycloalkylene, or arylene group which may have a substituent, or -O-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -O-CO- $R_{20}'$ -, -CO-O- $R_{21}'$ -, or -CO-N( $R_{22}'$ )- $R_{23}'$ -;

$R_{20}'$ ,  $R_{21}'$ , and  $R_{23}'$ , which may be the same or different, each represents a single bond, or a divalent alkylene, alkenylene, cycloalkylene, or arylene group which may have an ether structure, an ester structure, an amide structure, a urethane structure, or a ureido structure or may have a substituent;

$R_{22}'$  represents a hydrogen atom, or an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, or aryl group which may have a substituent;

$A_2$  represents a single bond, -O- $R_{21}'$ -, or -N( $R_{22}'$ )- $R_{23}'$ -;

$A_3$  represents a single bond, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or an arylene group which may have an alkylene structure or may have a substituent;

$A_4$  represents a single bond, a divalent alkylene, cycloalkylene, or arylene group which may have a substituent, or -O-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -CO-, or -CO-O- $R_{21}'$ -;

x, y, and z in the formula (a') each represents 0 or 1 and m and n in the formula (c) each represents 0 or an integer of at least 1, provided that in the formula (a'), at

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Q2 least one repeating unit has the group of the formula (b), (c), or (d); and two of R<sub>2</sub>' to R<sub>4</sub>', or one of R<sub>2</sub>' to R<sub>4</sub>' and R<sub>5</sub>' or R<sub>6</sub>' may combine with each other to form a ring.

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